EPA Region 8 Grants Workshop – July 19, 2007

Resource Conservation Challenge Grant Funding Session

http://epa.gov/region8/community_resources/grants/R8RCSolicitation07.pdf

Priorities to be Funded
The IWG anticipates providing at least $75,000 to fund creative proposals testing innovative approaches to one or more of the following priority areas:

(1) Reduce the generation and disposal of one or more of the following materials and waste streams through reuse, recycling, composting, market development or product stewardship:

      (a) Municipal solid waste (especially packaging and containers, and food and yard waste);
      (b) EPA's 31 priority chemicals;
      (c) Industrial byproducts (specifically coal combustion byproducts and foundry sand);
      (d) Construction and demolition debris;
      (e) Electronics;
      (f) Waste Tires.

(2) Provide education and outreach, technical assistance, on new waste management technologies, and/or regulatory compliance, and/or market development for recycled materials.

Advice on Application Criteria:

➢ **Eligible Entity**: Public authorities; public agencies and institutions; nonprofit organizations, agencies, and institutions; academia; and federally recognized Tribes. **Tip:** We expect the applicant to be completing the work.

➢ **Cost Sharing:** None.

➢ **Innovation:** How can we tell what is innovative or not?
    o Check website for past projects
    o How many research paper citations are included in your proposal?
    o Tell why it's innovative to your community, and how it will affect others like it.
    o If continuing a previous RCC Projoect, or taking a step further – make sure you are not doing what the original said it would do.

➢ **Partnerships**: If you mention a partner that will have a direct affect on the project – have a letter of support.

- ➢ **Environmental Results Past Performance**: Simple explanations of previous Fed Grant projects.

- ➢ **Programmatic Capability**: Don't over do it, a paragraph will suffice.

- ➢ **Budget**: Be as clear and concise as you need to be to show the direct link between the tasks and the money spent doing them.
  - o Recommend at least ½ page,
  - o Asterisk * Overhead or Indirect costs to explain them in a footnote,
  - o Breakdown any personnel costs (wages/hr x hours projected).

Other Necessary RCC Grant Basics:
- ✓ READ the entire Request For Proposals (RFP) – many of your questions will be answered or are addressed in the RFP.
- ✓ Communications Plan – a must with any pilot, have one included in strategic plan
- ✓ Strategic Plan – Have one and cite it in the project summary. We do not like paying you to develop one.
- ✓ Acronyms – Write Out Once (WOO), then only use WOO later
- ✓ Reviewers of proposals are not all "Techies", so explain technical issues in plain language.
- ✓ Adhere to the page limit
- ✓ Get yourself set up with Grants.gov as soon as possible. – do not miss a funding opportunity because your account wasn't set up in time.

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